

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:

downloading an email forwarding engine ~~a computer program~~ from a server computer ~~system~~ to a client personal computer, the downloaded email forwarding engine including ~~computer program comprising~~ instructions for[[:]]

examining start criteria;

determining whether the start criteria are ~~have been~~ met;

obtaining new email events from an email datastore when ~~after~~ the start criteria are ~~have been~~ met;

forwarding information corresponding to the new email events via a computer network to a datastore associated with the server; [[and]]

~~forwarding the forwarded information to a remote device~~

comparing the start criteria stored on the client personal computer with start criteria stored on the server; and

synchronizing the start criteria stored on the client personal computer and the start criteria stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:

a server computer including a client software for downloading ~~means for downloading server software that downloads client software from a server~~ to a client personal computer, the client software including [[:]]

~~wherein the client software comprises:~~

a client configuration engine configured to determine ~~for determining~~ whether start criteria are ~~have been~~ met, the client configuration engine also being configured to compare

the start criteria stored on the client personal computer with start criteria stored on the server  
and to synchronize the start criteria stored on the client personal computer with the start  
criteria stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween;

a retrieval engine, coupled to the client configuration engine, configured to receive for  
~~retrieving~~ new email events from an email datastore;

a data transmitter, coupled to the retrieval engine, configured to forward the for  
~~forwarding~~ information corresponding to the new email events via a computer network to a  
datastore associated with the server, ~~;~~ and

~~a means for forwarding server software that forwards the forwarded information to a~~  
~~remote device.~~

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:  
establishing a communications channel between a server and a client personal  
computer system;  
downloading, to the client computer system, an email forwarding engine; software  
~~that embodies a method comprising:~~  
~~obtaining new email events from an email datastore;~~  
receiving information corresponding to ~~[[the]]~~ new email events from the client  
computer system;  
storing the information corresponding to the new email events in a datastore  
associated with the server; ~~[[and]]~~  
forwarding the ~~forwarded~~ information stored in the datastore associated with the  
server to an appropriate client personal computer; and a remote device

providing start criteria for comparison with start criteria stored on the client personal computer, wherein the start criteria of the client personal computer is synchronized to the start criteria of the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:  
a server computer including a datastore and a client software for downloading means  
~~for downloading server software that downloads client software from a server~~ to a client  
personal computer, the client software including [[:]]

~~wherein the client software comprises~~

a retrieval engine to retrieve new email events from an email datastore, and  
[[:]]

a client configuration engine configured to determine whether start criteria are  
met, the client configuration engine also being configured to compare the start criteria  
stored on the client personal computer with start criteria stored on the server and to  
synchronize the start criteria stored on the client personal computer with the start  
criteria stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween;  
the server being configured to establish communications with the client computer  
system, receive information corresponding to new email events from the client computer  
system, store the information corresponding to the new email events in the datastore, and  
convey the information stored in the datastore to an appropriate client personal computer.

~~a server database manager for establishing a communications channel with a~~  
~~client computer system, for receiving information corresponding to the new email~~  
~~events from the client computer system, and for storing the information corresponding~~  
~~to the new email events in a datastore; and~~  
~~server software that conveys the information to a remote device.~~

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:  
downloading an email forwarding engine ~~a computer program~~ from a server computer system to a client personal computer, the downloaded email forwarding engine including ~~computer program comprising~~ instructions for [[:]]  
obtaining filter control data;  
examining email data against the filter control data;  
determining the email data that will be forwarded based on the examination;  
selecting at least one transfer protocol for the email data based on the examination;  
forwarding the email data according to the at least one transfer protocol via a computer network to a datastore associated with the server; [[and]]  
~~forwarding the forwarded email data to a remote device~~  
comparing the filter control data stored on the client personal computer with filter control data stored on the server at predetermined time intervals; and  
synchronizing the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter control data stored on the server when a difference is detected between therebetween.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:  
a server computer including a client software for downloading ~~means for downloading server software that downloads client software from a server~~ to a client personal computer, the client software including [[:]]  
~~wherein the client software comprises:~~  
a filter configured to examine ~~for examining~~ email data against filter control data, for selecting email data based on the examination, and configured to determine ~~for determining~~ at least one transfer protocol for the email data based on the examination; [[and]]

a data transmitter, coupled to the filter, configured to forward ~~for forwarding~~ the email data according to the at least one transfer protocol via a computer network to a datastore associated with the server; and server software that forwards the forwarded email data to a remote device;

a client configuration engine configured to compare the filter control data stored on the client personal computer with a filter control data stored on the server and configured to synchronize the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter control data stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A method of forwarding email, comprising:  
downloading a computer program from a server computer system to a client personal computer, the downloaded computer program including ~~comprising~~ instructions for [[:]]  
obtaining filter control data;  
examining email data against the filter control data;  
determining based on the examination the email data that should not be forwarded;  
generating receipt data identifying the email data that should not be forwarded;  
forwarding the receipt data via a computer network to a datastore associated with the server; [[and]]

~~forwarding the receipt data to a remote device~~  
comparing the filter control data stored on the client personal computer with filter control data stored on the server at predetermined time intervals; and  
synchronizing the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter control data stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A system for forwarding email, comprising:

a server computer including a client software for downloading means for  
~~downloading server software that downloads client software from a server~~ to a client personal  
computer, the client software including [[:]]

~~wherein the client software comprises:~~

a filter configured to examine ~~for examining~~ email data against filter control data, and  
configured to determine, ~~determining~~ based on the examination, the email data that will  
~~should~~ not be forwarded;

a receipt generator, coupled to the filter, for generating receipt data identifying the  
email data that should not be forwarded;

a data transmitter, coupled to the filter, for forwarding the receipt data via a computer  
network to a datastore associated with the server; and

a client configuration engine configured to compare the filter control data stored on  
the client personal computer with filter control data stored on the server and configured to  
synchronize the filter control data stored on the client personal computer to the filter control  
data stored on the server when a difference is detected therebetween.

~~server software that forwards the forwarded email data to a remote device.~~

Claims 9-30 (Canceled).

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the client personal  
computer is ~~behind~~ protected by a firewall.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the downloaded  
software email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 33 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[an]]~~ the email events include emails. ~~includes an email.~~

Claim 34 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 2, wherein the client personal computer is ~~behind~~ protected by a firewall.

Claim 35 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 2, wherein the downloaded ~~software~~ email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 2, wherein ~~[[an]]~~ the email events include emails. ~~includes an email.~~

Claim 37 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 3, wherein the client personal computer is ~~behind~~ protected by a firewall.

Claim 38 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 3, wherein ~~[[an]]~~ the email events include emails. ~~includes an email.~~

Claim 39 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 4, wherein the client personal computer is ~~behind~~ protected by a firewall.

Claim 40 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 4, wherein ~~[[an]]~~ the email events include emails. ~~includes an email.~~

Claim 41 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 5, wherein the client personal computer is ~~behind~~ protected by a firewall.

Claim 42 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 5, wherein the downloaded ~~software~~ email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 43 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 6, wherein the client personal computer is ~~behind~~ protected by a firewall.

Claim 44 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 6, wherein the downloaded ~~software~~ email forwarding engine self-installs.

Claim 45 (Currently Amended): The method of claim 7, wherein the client personal computer is ~~behind~~ protected by a firewall.

Claim 46 (Currently Amended): The system of claim 8, wherein the client personal computer is ~~behind~~ protected by a firewall.